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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION

This responds to the final Office action dated September 6, 2006. A three-month period for response was set, making a reply due by December 6, 2006. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.